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Notes:

Attached is a Response to Restriction Requirement in Application serial number 09/764,913.

Sincerely,

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Feiertabend, Patrick E., et al.
Assignee: Innovative MicroTechnology, Inc.
Title: Method and Apparatus for Assembling an Array of Micro-Devices
Serial No.: 09/764,913 Filing Date: January 17, 2001
Examiner: Coleman, W. David Group Art Unit: 2823
Docket No.: IMT-DeviceArray

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

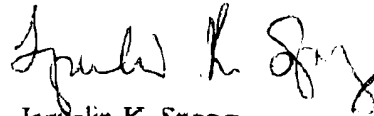
Dear Sir:

In reply to the April 14, 2003 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-13 with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-30 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, the withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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